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SUBJECT:PRESS ITEM RE VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER

REF: LISBON 2050

1. AT PRESENT, NO TRANSCRIPT VICE PRESIDENT'S APRIL 9
REMARKS AT AMERICAN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION
MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS IS AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, TALKING
POINTS IN THAT SECTION HIS REMARKS DEVOTED TO LISTING
INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS CONTAINS THIS LAST ITEM REFERENCE
TO PORTUGAL:

AND PERHAPS MOST TRAGIC OF ALL IN TERMS OF THE FUTURE OF
FREEDOM IN THE WORLD ARE THE EVENTS IN PORTUGAL.

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AFTER ALMOST THIRTY YEARS OF DICTATORSHIP, A DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION, PROMISING FREEDOM TO THE PEOPLE HAS BEEN ABORTED BY THE COMMUNISTS REPRESENTING LESS THAN 20 OF THE PEOPLE.

AND IN THIS MORNING'S NEWSPAPER IS THE STORY THAT THIS NEW MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES MAY NOT USE OUR BASES IN THE AZORES FOR REFUELING IN THE EVENT OF TROUBLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. WE ARE TOLD THAT VICE PRESIDENT ADHERED QUITE CLOSELY TO ABOVE TALKING POINTS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS AND OTHER INQUIRIES YOU SHOULD SAY THAT VICE PRESIDENT DID REFER TO DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL IN INTERNATIONAL SECTION OF HIS REMARKS LISTING CURRENT AREAS OF CONCERN TO U.S. HOWEVER, IN THE ABSENCE TRANSCRIPT, WHICH NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE, YOU ARE NOT IN POSITION COMMENT FURTHER AT THIS TIME.

4. TRANSCRIPT OF ACTUAL REMARKS WILL BE TRANSMITTED WHEN AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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